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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed on the attached modified Form PTO-1449.

Each of the references cited in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in an Office Action for counterpart Japanese Application No. 2003-550646, which was mailed on June 4, 2009 and received by Applicants on June 18, 2009. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months from the mailing date of the Japanese Office Action and is being filed after the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113. Accordingly, the fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.

Applicants note that cited reference B5 is a laid-open publication of a Japanese patent application where no English counterpart is readily available except for the Abstract. Accordingly, Applicants provide herewith a copy of the English Abstract. Likewise, cited reference C4 is a scientific journal article published in Japanese. Applicants, or any individual designated in § 1.56(c), are not in possession, custody or control of an English translation of reference C4. Accordingly, a concise explanation of the relevance of reference C4, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in § 1.56(c), is provided.

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